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11 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
12 FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

13 Martin J. Walsh,) Case No. CV 19-00007
14 Secretary of Labor,)
15 United States Department of Labor,)
16 Plaintiff,) SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE
17 v.) APRIL 11, 2019 CONSENT
18 **Imperial Pacific International**) JUDGMENT
19 **Holdings, Ltd., Imperial Pacific**)
20 **International (CNMI), LLC**)
21 Defendants.)
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22 Plaintiff, Martin J. Walsh, Secretary of Labor, United States Department of
23 Labor (the “Secretary”) and Defendants Imperial Pacific International Holdings,
24 Ltd, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC, (collectively IPI), respectfully
request this Court to amend the Consent Judgment that it approved on April 11, 2019

1 and the First Amended Consent Judgment that it approved on March 29, 2021,
 2 pursuant to the terms of this Second Amended Consent Judgment (“Second
 3 Amendment Consent Judgment”).

4 **I. Parties’ Recitals**

5 Defendants and the Secretary entered into a Consent Judgment, approved by
 6 this Court on April 11, 2019. The Consent Judgment required Defendants to make
 7 payments for unpaid minimum wage and overtime premiums pursuant to the Fair
 Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201, *et seq.* (“FLSA”).

8 Defendants violated the Consent Judgment by failing to make payments the
 9 Consent Judgment required and by violating the FLSA, which the injunction
 10 prohibited. The Court issued an Order Finding Civil Contempt against Defendants
 11 on January 21, 2021 (ECF 19) and ordered, *inter alia*, Defendants to purge contempt
 12 by paying unpaid payroll among other orders regarding Defendants’ treatment of
 13 employees. Further, the Court issued an Order (ECF 50) appointing a Receiver to
 14 enforce the Court’s order.

15 To purge contempt, Defendants entered the First Amended Consent Judgment
 16 (ECF 60) and subsequently Amendment to Payment Plan of First Amended Consent
 17 Judgment (ECF 82) setting forth a series of payments and other conditions for
 18 Defendants to follow. The Court stayed the appointment of the Receiver.

19 Defendants have made the payments required under these judgments and
 20 amendments. However, the Secretary found Defendants to be in violation of both
 21 the H-2B regulations, the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, P.L. 82-414, 66
 22 Stat. 163, codified as amended at 8 U.S.C. §§ 1101, *et seq.* (“the INA”), as amended
 23 by the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1996, P.L. 99-603, 100 Stat. 3359,
 24 and the FLSA arising from their failure to pay the promised rate and the
 25 accompanying FLSA overtime premium to the employees Defendants hired under
 the H-2B program. Based on these violations Defendants are again in contempt of
 the Court’s injunction against violations of the FLSA. To address these FLSA

1 violations and purge their contempt, Defendants enter into this Second Amended
2 Consent Judgment. To resolve Defendants' H-2B violations, the parties will be filing
3 concurrently consent findings before the Secretary's Office of Administrative Law
4 Judges.

5 **II. Permanent Injunction**

6 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that, pursuant to
7 Section 17 of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. § 217, Defendants, their officers, agents,
8 servants, employees, successor companies, parties in interest, and all persons and
9 entities acting at their direction or in concert or participation with them, are
10 permanently enjoined and restrained from violating the FLSA, including through
any of the following manners:

11 Defendants, jointly and severally, shall not withhold payment of
12 \$1,010,416.04 in overtime pay hereby due under the FLSA and this Judgment, to
13 individuals on Exhibit 1 (or any amendments thereto), as a result of their work on
14 the Imperial Pacific International Hotel during the period from January 31, 2020
through January 30, 2021.

15 **III. Monetary Provisions**

16 **FURTHER, JUDGMENT IS HEREBY ENTERED**, pursuant to Sections
17 16(c) and 16(e) of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 216(c), (e) in favor of the Secretary as a
18 judgment to be paid to the Secretary by Defendants in the total amount of Two
19 Million One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Six Dollars
and One Cent (\$2,195,726.01), which is comprised of: \$1,010,416.04 in backwages;
20 and pursuant to authority expressly provided in Section 16 of the FLSA, 29 U.S.C.
21 § 216, an additional equal amount as liquidated damages of \$1,010,416.04, and an
22 additional amount of \$174,893.93 as civil monetary penalties. Payment of these
23 amounts shall be made based on the following procedure:

- 24 a. Defendants shall make payments to the Secretary as follows:
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| 1 | July 1, 2022 | \$123,839.28 ¹ |
| 2 | August 1, 2022 | \$41,667.00 |
| 3 | September 1, 2022 | \$41,667.00 |
| 4 | October 1, 2022 | \$41,667.00 |
| 5 | November 1, 2022 | \$41,667.00 |
| 6 | December 1, 2022 | \$41,667.00 |
| 7 | January 1, 2023 | \$41,667.00 |
| 8 | February 1, 2023 | \$41,667.00 |
| 9 | March 1, 2023 | \$41,667.00 |
| 10 | April 1, 2023 | \$41,667.00 |
| 11 | May 1, 2023 | \$41,667.00 |
| 12 | June 1, 2023 | \$41,667.00 |
| 13 | July 1, 2023 | \$41,667.00 |
| 14 | August 1, 2023 | \$249,287.00 |
| 15 | September 1, 2023 | \$249,287.00 |
| 16 | October 1, 2023 | \$249,287.00 |
| 17 | November 1, 2023 | \$249,287.00 |
| 18 | December 1, 2023 | \$249,287.00 |

19 ¹ The amounts paid by Defendants pursuant to the April 11, 2019 Consent Judgment, the First
 20 Amended Consent Judgment and Amended Payment Plan are summarized on attached Exhibit B.
 21 The amounts remaining from these payments including the \$250,000 amount deposited with the
 22 Secretary to ensure payroll have been applied to backwages, liquidated damages and civil money
 23 penalties, as reflected in Exhibit B. The remainder of the \$250,000 deposited amount or
 24 \$76,160.72 shall remain deposited with the Secretary to be used at Secretary's discretion in the
 25 event Defendants incur new FLSA violations or miss payroll. If no new violations are incurred
 and payroll is current this amount will be credited to the January 1, 2024 payment requiring the
 Defendants to pay the balance of \$265,124.01. Defendants shall inquire on December 1, 2023 as
 to whether the Secretary determines that the \$76,160.73 is available to be applied to January 1,
 2024 payment or has been applied to other liabilities. If the amount is not available, Defendants
 shall pay the full \$341,284.74.

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| 1 | January 1, 2024 | \$341,284.74 (including \$15,837 interest at |
| 2 | | 1% on the payment plan) |
| 3 | TOTAL | \$2,211,563.01 |
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5 As security for Defendants' monetary liability of \$2,211,563.00, Defendants'
 6 affiliate, Green Estate Holdings (CNMI) LLC ("Green Estate"), a signatory to this
 7 Second Amended Judgment, agrees and consents to the Second Amended Consent
 8 Judgment being recorded as first lien against the leasehold parcels of property
 9 commonly known as the Lot 463NEW-1, Lot 463NEW-5, Lot 463NEW-6, Lot
 10 463NEW-7, Lot 463NEW-8, Lot 463NEW-9, Lot 463NEW-10, Lot 463NEW-R5,
 11 Lot 463NEW-1R/W, and Lot 463NEW-2R/W identified in Exhibit A attached
 12 hereto (collectively referred to as the "Lot 463 Parcels"). Defendants and Green
 13 Estate will cooperate with the Secretary in any manner necessary to perfect his
 14 security interests in the Lot 463 Parcels. Specifically, Defendants and Green Estate
 15 will cooperate with the Secretary to execute and deliver any and all documents
 16 required by Security Title, Inc., including but not limited to all necessary corporate
 17 resolutions, consents and approvals, within five (5) days after the entry of this
 18 amendment, and to issue a title insurance policy insuring a first lien position for the
 19 lienholder for the sum of \$2,211,563.00. Green Estate and Defendants further
 20 represent that the property offered is not subject to any liens or encumbrances.

21 Green Estate consents to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purposes of
 22 enforcing the Secretary's security interest.

23 Defendants acknowledge and understand that any future missed payroll will
 24 be subject to the assessment of liquidated damages and civil money penalties.

25 All other terms of the Consent Judgment and the First Amended Consent
 Judgment with the exception of the use of the Flame Tree property to secure the
 payments remain the same.

The Court directs the entry of this modification to the March 29, 2021 First

1 Amended Consent Judgment as a final order.

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3 DATED this 30th day of September, 2022.

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7 RAMONA V. MANGLONA
8 Chief Judge

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1 For the Defendants:

2 The Defendants hereby consent to the entry of
3 this Second Amended Consent Judgment, and waive notice by the Clerk of Court:

5 For: Imperial Pacific International Holdings, Ltd.

6 By: 
7 Name: Chen Feng
8 Title: Executive Director

June 20, 2022

Date

11 For: Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC

12 By: 
13 Name: Tao Xing
14 Title: Director

June 20, 2022

Date

18 Agreed and Consented to by:

20 GREEN ESTATE HOLDINGS (CNMI), LLC

21 By: 
22 Name: Zheng Dongting
23 Title: Operating Manager

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2 Approved as to Form,
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4 Attorneys for Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC

5 *Kevin Abikoff* June 20, 2022
6 Kevin Abikoff, Date
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